



U.S. Representative
Rodney Frelinghuysen
Reports to New Jersey

**Helping the Survivors of
Hurricanes Katrina and Rita**

Hurricanes Katrina and Rita were two of the worst natural disasters in our nation's history. Rep. Frelinghuysen continues to express his deepest sympathy for the survivors of these hurricanes, while pledging his full support for the brave individuals who are currently assisting the relief and recovery efforts.

Hundreds of thousands of residents of the Gulf Coast and Texas have lost loved ones, homes, and everything they own. Well over one million people have been displaced from their homes and communities. In this time of need, America's prayers are with these families.

As the survivors of these hurricanes continue to face dire straits, recovery from this tragedy will not be easy. The Gulf Coast region continues to need the full resources of the federal government, on an expedited basis, as well as the support and compassion of all Americans.

Congress has passed and the President has signed into law two emergency aid packages that provide more than \$62 billion in immediate assistance to support ongoing hurricane relief efforts. Another emergency aid bill is expected in October. This funding responds to the immediate needs of evacuees by supporting food, shelter and public health needs, combating disease, making immediate repairs to roads and bridges, reopening hospitals and schools, and resettling evacuees in the 40 states that have volunteered to provide temporary shelter and housing.

To maintain accountability over this emergency aid, Congress has required that the Homeland Security Department's Inspector General audit and issue weekly reports about how resources are being spent.

To establish even greater oversight, the Congressman has cosponsored legislation to create an independent "Special Inspector General for Hurricane Katrina Recovery." This official would be responsible for supervising the distribution of this funding and ensuring that it reaches the people who need it the most.

As America continues to support the people of the Gulf Coast region, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, and Defense Department, in coordination with state and local officials and a variety of faith-based and charitable organizations, are working together to help the region rebuild and assist those people that Katrina and Rita have left homeless and jobless.

In this difficult time, the federal government has also set up a comprehensive website to support and monitor relief efforts. This website includes a list of charitable and faith-based organizations that continue to accept contributions to help the people of the Gulf Coast region. For more information, please visit: www.first.gov.



Rep. Frelinghuysen attends Armed Forces Day at Picatinny Arsenal to honor New Jersey servicemen and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in the war on terror.

**Picatinny's Expanding
Role in the War on
Terrorism**

Picatinny Arsenal will be the 'joint center of excellence' for guns and ammunition for the Army, Navy, and Marines and the military's unparalleled leader for producing the latest and most advanced weaponry for our warfighters in Iraq and Afghanistan, according to a major report issued by the independent Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Commission this summer. With the endorsement of the President, the BRAC report now heads to Congress for their approval.

Rep. Frelinghuysen, the Vice Chairman of the House Defense Appropriations Committee and a champion for the Arsenal, said the commission's recommendations are a strong vote of confidence for Picatinny's past, present and future missions in the war against terrorism.

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and national interests.**

Once approved by the U.S. Congress, the recommendations will enhance Picatinny's roles and responsibilities in several ways. First, their recommendations send missions from six Naval facilities and one Army laboratory to Picatinny. Second, they ensure Picatinny's energetics program remains at the Arsenal. Third, they create up to 600 new jobs at the base and the potential for many more in Morris and Sussex counties.

For more than a decade, Frelinghuysen has been working closely with local, state, and national Picatinny supporters, including CRISP (Concerned Responsible Individuals to Save Picatinny), to ensure the Defense Department continues to recognize Picatinny's unique missions and critical role in the war against terrorism.

Picatinny's newer and bigger missions will serve both local and national interests. With 95 percent of all 'go-to-war' munitions already coming through Picatinny, the base will continue to be one of our state's major contributors to the defense of our nation.

Today, Picatinny contributes over \$1.3 billion to New Jersey's economy. With some of the brightest minds working at the Arsenal, Picatinny supports over 10,500 New Jersey jobs, including thousands in our local communities that service or directly benefit from Picatinny.

This year, the Congressman has secured more than \$50 million for Picatinny to

continue supporting U.S. servicemen and women in Iraq and Afghanistan. With Picatinny expected to receive new missions, this funding will continue to support the manufacturing of critical weapons systems and munitions. Finally, to protect the military investments and employees at Picatinny, Frelinghuysen has secured \$4.45 million for a new firehouse on the base.

Thanks to mutual aid agreements with several surrounding municipalities and Morris County, Picatinny's new fire station will allow the base's firefighters to continue serving as an asset to the Arsenal and the base's surrounding communities.

For more information about Picatinny visit www.pica.army.mil or www.dod.gov to learn more about the U.S. Armed Forces.

**New Medicare Drug Benefit to
Begin January 2006**

Starting January 1, 2006 Medicare will provide voluntary prescription drug coverage to every Medicare beneficiary. Passed as part of the Medicare Modernization Act two years ago, Rep. Frelinghuysen is encouraging all Medicare beneficiaries in New Jersey to sign up for this new prescription drug benefit, formally known as Medicare Part D.

Most importantly, seniors can sign up for this benefit beginning November 15, 2005. Under this new program, every Medicare beneficiary will be able to choose a prescription drug plan that best meets their individual health needs and offers the most affordable drug benefits. Further, older Americans who rely on Medicare will also be able to choose brand name or generic medicines – and then pick them up at local pharmacies or receive them by mail.

Additionally, Medicare Advantage Plans will allow seniors and Americans with disabilities to get additional benefits at an even lower cost, potentially saving them an average of \$100 more each month.

Already, millions of Americans are taking part in Medicare's expanded range of healthcare services, including: a prescription drug discount card; preventive care such as an initial physical and a cardiovascular and blood sugar screening that can help identify and prevent obesity, diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease.

All Medicare beneficiaries will receive a new handbook, "Medicare and You," containing specific information about the new prescription drug plans available. Because of this new benefit, no one with Medicare will ever again have to face the terrible choice between medicine and life's other basic necessities, like food or clothing. Those with questions are encouraged to call 1-800-MEDICARE or visit www.MEDICARE.gov.



Rep. Frelinghuysen visits the Willing Hands Center for Developmentally Disabled Adults in Kinnelon to talk about special education.

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Rep. Frelinghuysen visits Guantanamo Bay, Cuba to review military operations and discuss the war against terror.

Strengthening New Jersey's Homeland Security

Since September 11, 2001, U.S. Intelligence reports have indicated that the New Jersey/New York region is still among the most attractive targets for terrorists.

Because of our state's comprehensive critical infrastructure system of trans-Hudson bridges and tunnels, airports, seaports, oil refineries, and close proximity to New York City, anti-terrorism experts continue to acknowledge that the risk of terrorism remains.

At Rep. Frelinghuysen's urging, the House has passed bipartisan legislation that would send more federal homeland security resources to New Jersey and other high-threat areas where risk is greatest and critical infrastructure must be better protected against terrorism.

As we learned on September 11, terrorists do not select their targets arbitrarily. Therefore, homeland security funding cannot continue to be distributed without regard for risk.

The *Faster and Smarter Funding for First Responders Act*, cosponsored by Frelinghuysen and passed by the House earlier this year, follows the 9/11 Commission's recommendations for sending more homeland security resources to where they are needed most. As we learned on September 11, terrorists do not select their targets arbitrarily. Therefore, homeland security funding cannot continue to be distributed without regard for risk. This legislation would ensure that homeland security grants are awarded according to an assessment of vulnerability and threat, not just population.

Additionally, this legislation would require states to develop homeland security plans indicating how they will spend federal security funds *before* they receive them. To prevent funds from being stuck in a bureaucratic pipeline or left unspent, states like New Jersey would also be required to award 80 percent of federal risk-based funds to local governments and first responders within 45 days of receiving the funds.

Frelinghuysen is strongly advocating that the Senate follow the House's lead and pass a similar bill that prioritizes federal resources according to risk and will ultimately increase security in New Jersey and across the nation.

Improving America's Energy Security

In 2003, a blackout caused power outages in the Northeast, Midwest and throughout Rep. Frelinghuysen's congressional district in northern New Jersey – leaving millions of Americans left sitting in the dark. Two years later, Hurricane Katrina has wreaked havoc on our nation's Gulf Coast energy infrastructure, temporarily shutting down oil refineries as well as significant portions of the pipeline that supplies the Northeast with 60 percent of its total oil supply. More than anything else these events taught us that we cannot lurch from energy crisis to energy crisis.

This summer, Congress passed and the President signed into law the Energy Policy Act, legislation that will take the first steps to help diversify our domestic energy supply, prevent future power "blackouts," and establish greater energy independence and economic security. Above all, this law sends a strong message: America cannot rely on yesterday's infrastructure to support today's energy needs.

The Energy Policy Act reduces our dependence on foreign oil by continuing to research and develop energy renewables and energy alternatives. These are keys to reducing home electric and heating bills and producing cleaner and more efficient sources of energy.

Further, with nuclear energy being responsible for nearly fifty percent of New Jersey's electric energy production, the Energy Policy Act also promotes the development of new hydrogen-nuclear power plants, which produce cleaner and more efficient forms of energy.

Finally, as New Jerseyans continue to feel the effects of high gasoline prices, the Energy Policy Act encourages the Energy Department to create programs promoting alternative fueled and hybrid vehicles.

Still, much more must be done to reduce the cost of energy. With higher prices at the gas pump and in our home electric and fuel bills, Frelinghuysen believes Congress should encourage the construction of more refineries, increase Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFÉ) standards for automobiles, and develop even more alternative and renewable sources of energy, such as hydrogen fuel cells, wind, and solar power. Given the current technology, each of these measures will improve America's energy security, lower our dependence on foreign oil, reduce air pollution, and potentially save consumers and businesses money at the gas pump and at home.

If you feel you have witnessed gas price gouging or want to learn more about energy savings tips, please visit www.energy.gov.



Rep. Frelinghuysen meets with seniors to discuss Medicare.

Cleaning Up Superfund Sites

Joined by top officials from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), Rep. Frelinghuysen recently continued his annual inspection of Superfund sites in northern New Jersey.

Several sites in the 11th Congressional District have been on the EPA's National Priorities List of Superfund sites for over a decade. To clean them up and get them off the superfund list as quickly as possible, Frelinghuysen believes the best thing that can be done is to inspect each site and see firsthand how much progress is being made.

Frelinghuysen's tour of Superfund sites in Morris and Essex Counties took him to: Radiation Technology, Inc. and **Rockaway Township** Wells; the **Rockaway Borough** Well Field; the Dayco Corp./L.E. Carpenter Co. in **Wharton Borough**; the **Dover** Municipal Well 4 in the **Town of Dover**; and the Caldwell Trucking Co. in **Fairfield Township**.

Today, there are 113 Superfund sites in New Jersey, the most in the nation. Since the Superfund program began in 1980, 23 sites in New Jersey have been removed from the National Priority List.

In the past year, the Combe Fill North Landfill in Mount Olive Township was removed from the Superfund list and a new treatment facility was built at the Rockaway Township Wells site to help accelerate groundwater and soil cleanup.

Supporting Our Military Men & Women

Many New Jerseyans have asked what they can do to support our troops serving at home and abroad. The U.S. Department of Defense has created "America Supports You" – a website listing several organizations that sponsor programs to support members of our Armed Forces.

Your support builds and sustains the morale of those fighting to defend freedom against the tyranny of terrorism and communicates our recognition and appreciation of their courage and commitment to our country.

For more information visit "America Supports You:"

www.AmericaSupportsYou.mil





Rep. Frelinghuysen visits the Fritz family, owners of the Raritan Valley Printing Company, to discuss economic growth.

Preserving New Jersey's Crossroads

Two hundred and thirty years ago New Jersey was at the crossroads of America's Revolutionary War. Today, there are nearly 300 sites in New Jersey with direct ties to the American Revolution, including historic battlefields and military headquarters.

Among the landmarks are Washington's Headquarters in Morristown, Jockey Hollow, the Old Trenton Barracks, and the Princeton, Monmouth, and Red Bank battlefields.

Rep. Frelinghuysen has introduced H.R. 87, legislation to recognize the critical role our state played in the American Revolution.

With the support of New Jersey's Congressional Delegation, the Crossroads of the American Revolution National Heritage Area Act would raise the profile of New Jersey's historical importance.

The Crossroads legislation will link New Jersey's Revolutionary War historic sites and parks.

By establishing a National Heritage Area that spans across 15 New Jersey counties, this legislation will link our Revolutionary War national, state and municipal historic sites and parks. It will boost efforts to preserve more open space in New Jersey and, over time, enhance our state's tourism industry as more people visit New Jersey to re-live our nation's struggle for freedom.

This legislation will give visitors to the region a new appreciation of New Jersey as they experience and learn about our state's history and outstanding natural and cultural resources.

Finally, children of New Jersey - in this and succeeding generations - will take pride in this special area and understand how the events that occurred here have shaped the values of their nation, their state, and their own lives.

For more information about the Crossroads visit <http://www.nps.gov/crossroads>.

New Jersey's Economy Taking Shape

New Jerseyans continue to see the effects of a stronger economy.

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics has reported that more than 4 million jobs have been created nationwide over the past two and a half years, including 26 straight months of steady job gains.

New Jersey has far outperformed the average state employment growth with a lower unemployment rate than the national average. More than 52,000 jobs have been created in New Jersey since June 2004. International cargo coming into the Port of New Jersey and New York increased 149 percent in 2004, taking in \$110 billion worth of cargo - more than ever before. Finally, homeownership in New Jersey remains at a record high.

To strengthen our economy and help it recover from the effects of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, the House continues to pass legislation to reduce the economic barriers of taxation, litigation and regulation. Pro-growth policies are critical for keeping America's economy on the right track and helping the people of the Gulf Coast region get back on their feet.

Supporting the Morris VA Clinic

For more than two and a half years, the Morris County VA Outpatient Clinic, a community-based facility the Congressman and Morris County Freeholders worked to help establish, has been supporting our veterans and honoring our nation's obligation to provide them with quality health care.

This year alone, more than 3,800 veterans have visited the facility. Overall, 477,000 New Jersey veterans have received assistance at our state's 12 VA Outpatient Clinics.

To contact the Morris County VA Outpatient Clinic, please call (973) 539-9794. To learn more about the services provided by America's VA clinics, you can also visit: www.va.gov.

Preventing a Flu Pandemic

After significant concerns about a shortage of flu vaccine earlier this year, there remains growing fears about future threats of an influenza pandemic here at home and abroad. A new and deadly virus, commonly known as Avian flu, is quietly spreading in Asia, where it has killed more than 60 people in four countries and has begun spreading west through Russia.

In a global economy, where people and products cross borders on a regular basis, America needs to be prepared should Avian flu reach our shores.

The Strategic National Stockpile, which is supposed to contain significant quantities of antiviral supplies to treat a large number of Americans in the event of a pandemic, currently has enough for only six percent of the American population.

Earlier this year, the Congressman successfully encouraged the House to support millions of dollars to increase our nation's stockpile of antiviral medicines, as recommended by the World Health Organization, and to continue development of an effective vaccine against the Avian flu.

In the wake of Hurricane Katrina, health experts are continuing to raise awareness about the spread of deadly viruses. Therefore, the Congressman is again strongly urging the Department of Health and Human Services to fully implement their "Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response Plan." This plan would coordinate a national strategy to prepare for and respond to an influenza pandemic.

Currently contagious in chickens, ducks, and turkeys, health experts fear that Avian flu could eventually undergo genetic changes, making it easily transmittable among humans. Health experts also warn that Avian flu could spark a global pandemic, resulting in thousands of deaths in the U.S. and millions of people worldwide.

To learn more about Avian flu, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/avian>.

Keep an Eye Out for a Town Hall Meeting Near You!

Listening to the questions and concerns of the people of the 11th Congressional District is Rep. Frelinghuysen's top priority. That is why he holds regular town hall meetings in each of the district's 56 municipalities.

Recent town meetings were held in Morris Township, Rockaway Township, Caldwell, Hopatcong, Somerville, East Hanover, and Mt. Olive. Watch for an advertisement in your local newspaper for a town hall meeting near you!



Rep. Frelinghuysen's Youth Advisory Committee meets with former 9/11 Commission Chairman and former New Jersey Governor Tom Kean at Drew University to discuss homeland security.

Here to Help

Whether you are planning a visit to Washington, DC, have a question about a federal agency or would like to request that an American flag be flown over the U.S. Capitol, Rep. Frelinghuysen and his office are here to help you. He invites you to visit his website, www.house.gov/frelinghuysen, to learn more about the services his office provides to constituents.

Tours:

Washington D.C. is abound with attractions and sites, making our nation's capital an impressive and memorable place to visit. His office is pleased to arrange reservations for you at many of these sites. Tour requests can be completed either by visiting the Congressman's website or by mailing or calling his Morristown or Washington offices four to six weeks in advance, as to increase the likelihood of reservations.

Flags:

Upon your request, Frelinghuysen's office will also arrange for an American flag to be flown above the U.S. Capitol in the name of a person or organization. Again you can visit the Congressman's website, call, or mail his office's to request that a flag be flown over the Capitol. Please allow at least four weeks for processing requests.

Learn more by visiting www.house.gov/Frelinghuysen



Rep. Frelinghuysen discusses homeland security at the Port of NJ/NY.

Bringing Federal Resources Back to New Jersey

As New Jersey’s senior member of the House Appropriations Committee, one of Rep. Frelinghuysen’s top priorities in Washington is securing funds to address important needs in New Jersey. Throughout his service in Congress, he has been a leader and tireless fighter for all New Jerseyans. This year the Congressman is pleased to announce federal funds for critical New Jersey homeland security, transportation, energy, and open space preservation projects.

- The Department of Homeland Security has recently provided the New Jersey/New York region with \$42 million for New Jersey Transit, Amtrak, the Port Authority, and the Metropolitan Transit Authority to make critical rail and bus security enhancements. Additionally, Frelinghuysen recently announced over \$2 million in federal security funds for an integrated law enforcement communications network in Morris County, a “Reverse 9-1-1 System” in Somerset County, and various homeland security needs at the Office’s of Emergency Management in Sussex and Essex counties. Overall, New Jersey has received more than \$300 million in federal homeland security resources since 9/11.
- The Port of New Jersey and New York is the commercial gateway to New Jersey, the region, and the entire nation. To ensure it remains open for business, \$100 million will go toward the port’s continued channel deepening project, which will result in greater access for larger vessels and more jobs. To prevent future flooding, nearly \$10 million in federal funds will go toward local flood control projects along the Upper Passaic River in Long Hill Township; the Malapardis Brook in Hanover Township; the Green Brook in Somerset County; the Jackson Brook in Randolph Township, Mine Hill Township, Wharton Borough, and the Town of Dover; and the Passaic River Flood Basin in northern New Jersey.
- To ensure that residents and visitors to our area can travel safely, quickly, and with greater convenience, \$5.55 million will go toward much needed roadway improvements on Route 22 in Somerset County, the I-287/I-80/Route 202 Interchange in Morris County, and the Sparta Stanhope Road Bridge in Sussex County.
- To preserve open space in northern New Jersey, \$1.8 million has been secured to protect Sussex County’s Sparta Mountain, which is located at the center of the New Jersey Highlands.

Around Northern New Jersey

Rep. Frelinghuysen continues to actively travel throughout the 11th Congressional District to meet with local organizations and constituents to discuss current events and participate in official activities. Such events have included: meeting with students at William Annin Middle School in **Bernards Township**, **Bridgewater-Raritan** Middle School, **Butler** High School, El Primer Paso Preschool in **Dover**, **Hanover Park** High School, **Harding** Township School, **Jefferson** Township Middle School, Stonybrook Elementary School in **Kinnelon**, Newark Academy in **Livingston**, **Madison** Junior School, **Millburn** Middle School, **Morristown** Beard School, **Mount Arlington** Public School, **Mount Olive** Middle School, **Mountain Lakes** High School, Shongum Elementary School in **Randolph**, and Vanderveer Elementary School in **Somerville**.

In other news, Frelinghuysen has also attended: the **Caldwell** Trucking Company for a Superfund tour, the 6th Annual Indian-American event in **Bridgewater**, the Larry Maysey Memorial Dedication in **Chester Borough**, the Sri Lanka Day event in **Denville**, **Dover's** 24th Annual Senior Citizens Day & Picnic, the Head Start Community Program of Morris' Volunteer Recognition Luncheon in **Dover**, the Cub Scouts Blue and Gold Banquet 75th Anniversary in **East Hanover**, the Filipinas 6th Annual Federation Day Gala in **Fairfield**, the Interfaith Food Pantry's event in **Florham Park**, a Hopatcong Borough dinner honoring local troops, the **Lincoln Park** Emergency Management Council 2nd Annual Volunteer Picnic, the **Long Hill** Township library dedication, the **Mendham Borough** 99th Anniversary Open House, the **Montville** Kiwanis, the **Morris Plains** Community Center & Museum Dedication Ceremony, the **Morristown & Morris Township** Annual Library Gala, the Dedication Ceremony of Morris Frank Park in **Morristown**, Save Lake Musconetcong Awareness Day in **Netcong**, the UPS facility in **Parsippany**, Newbridge Services in **Pequannock**, Raritan Valley Printing Company in **Raritan Borough**, the **Riverdale** Veterans Medal Ceremony, Picatinny Armed Forces Day in **Rockaway Township**, the Homeland Security TOPOFF Drill at **Roxbury** High School, the **Sparta** Kiwanis Club, the **Washington Township** Medal Ceremony, and a Superfund tour of the Dayco Corporation and LE Carpenter Company in **Wharton**.

Finally, the Congressman was pleased to have had the following interns

recently volunteer in his Washington, DC and Morristown offices: Benjamin Morrissey of **Sparta**, Mark Hadzewycz of **Morristown**, Ross Goldband of **Morristown**, Joshua Hopkins of **Morristown**, Noma Ndlovu of **Ledgewood**, Danielle Fox of **Morris Plains**, Evan Malanga of **Basking Ridge**, Steven Rossi in **Livingston**, Thomas Pandos of **Morristown**, Carolin Leuthaeusser of **New Vernon**, Michael Tighe of **Morristown**, Morgan Dumont of **Mendham**, Lauren Radebaugh of **Chester**, Jacquelin McClester of **Florham Park**, Todd Killmeyer of **Denville**, and J. Morgan Wiqvott of **Morristown**.

Promoting Homeownership in Northern New Jersey

For thousands of families in northern New Jersey, and millions throughout the nation, the American Dream starts with owning a home. For that dream to become a reality, however, it is critical that residents are knowledgeable about the benefits of homeownership.

This summer Rep. Frelinghuysen joined Sue Zellman, the Executive Director of the Housing Partnership for Morris County, at the Denville Municipal Building for prospective homeowners to learn about credit counseling, housing programs, savings clubs, and how to assess their housing readiness.

With home sales continuing to rise, the seminar provided a “one-stop-shop” for residents to receive invaluable housing information and answers to their homeownership questions.

Earlier this year, sales of existing U.S. homes climbed 4.5 percent, according to the National Association of Realtors. Currently, homeownership is at near record levels, with 69.1 percent of American families owning their own homes.

The Housing Partnership is a non-profit organization based in the Town of Dover that provides resources for individuals, organizations, and municipalities to plan for and meet their affordable housing needs. Over 270 households have been purchased through the Partnership’s program since January 2001, investing over \$40 million in the Morris County’s economy.

For more information about homeownership call the Housing Partnership at (973) 659-9222 or visit www.hud.gov.


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